

As the General Manager of public radio stations WIUM and WIUW licensed to Western Illinois University, I strongly urge the commission's support of the use of supplementary audio channel capacity for digital radio. Our stations serve a largely rural area, striving to provide quality, indepth programming. We have recently received a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to convert to HD Radio. Once the conversion is complete, we hope to be able to use SAC capacity to offer additional quality programming to this rural region, where access to such programming is especially limited. Thank you for your consideration.